



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

61 FORSYTH STREET, SW
ATLANTA, GA 30303

CASE #: OI-AT-2020-CFD-0012 **CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ASSOCIATES LLC, JACKSON, MS

INTERVIEWEE: N/A

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

COMPLAINT: In May of 2019, EPA-OIG Special Agent (SA) SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a report from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a firm hired by the City of Jackson (The City), Mississippi, to investigate fraudulent activity against the Department of Public Works. The report outlined a series of complaints of fraud by the Siemens Corporation (Siemens) and its subcontractors against The City during a project to replace water meters, design and implement and billing system, and other public works projects. The City has historically received millions of dollars through the State of Mississippi's State Revolving Funds and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that some of the Siemens' contractors were previously used in public works projects for The City.

BACKGROUND: The EPA, Office of Inspector General maintains jurisdiction to investigate fraud in projects funded through both clean and drinking water state revolving funds. Upon initiation of this investigation, it was discovered that in 2016, The City obtained a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan in the amount of \$10,861,920 during the purported time frame where suspected contractors, including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and Associates (and others), were performing work for The City.

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02/25/2020

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INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: Special Agents from the EPA-OIG, Office of Investigations, Atlanta Field Office, reviewed documents, conducted interviews, and met with the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDOH) Officials (MSDOH is the DWSRF Administering Party). During the investigative activity, it was determined that no contractors suspected of fraud participated in DWSRF activities. The fraudulent activity suspected by Siemens and its subcontractors was funded by The City's General Fund, municipal bonds, and other non-federally funded accounts.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no evidence to corroborate a crime covered under the EPA-OIG jurisdiction, so this investigation was not presented to the United States Department of Justice. No further pertinent investigative activities remain, and it is recommended this investigation be closed.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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